

OFFICIALS FLEE FROM SERB TOWN

PEOPLE ABANDON MONASTIR
AS FALL OF CITY SEEMS TO
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Consular Officials Flee From
Threatened Town as Dan-
ger Becomes Apparent

POSITION IS PERILOUS

London Reports That Life of
Serbian Army Now Ap-
pears to Be Short.

London, Nov. 17.—The fate of the Serbian army may be only a matter of hours. Monastir, in southwest Serbia, is reported to be in such a perilous position that the consular officials have departed from the city. From the various conflicting reports which have reached the public the following apparently may be deduced as facts:

The Bulgarians have taken Krusevo and are six miles west of Perlepe. Thus the southern Serbian army and its Franco-British allies are confronted with the imminent peril of an outflanking movement.

Tetovo is in the hands of the Bulgarians.

Fate at Pass More Obscure.

The fate of the Serbians holding Babuna pass is more obscure. One report states that the pass has been forced. It seems certain that the defenders are at least threatened so seriously that their position soon may be untenable.

With Krusevo and Babuna in the hands of the invaders the fate of Perlepe would be sealed and the road to Monastir opened.

While the military situation becomes darker from the standpoint of the entente allies, the diplomatic phase of their near eastern venture is somewhat more favorable. Greece is giving some indication that she is seeking a solution of the problem which would be presented in entente troops should take refuge on Grecian territory.

Place Pressure on Greece.

It is clear that the entente powers are bringing considerable pressure to bear on Greece, not the least of which is England's detention in home ports of a fleet of Greek merchantmen. Greece shipping is making enormous profits out of the war, and even a temporary check of its activities would mean a great loss.

Along the eastern front interest centers on the attempted crossing of the Stry, where the Austrians and Germans claim an important success. Petrograd reports merely admit Austro-German occupation of the village of Podkarcie, about five miles from the river, and a slight advance east of that place. It is asserted the advantage gained by the Teutonic forces in this region is due to the arrival of reinforcements from other sections of the eastern front and heavy artillery brought up by railroad. From the conflicting reports it may be seen that the east bank of the Stry is held by the Russians, while the battle for the crossings is still undecided.

Reports from the western front indicate that the military activities there are limited to rather general artillery exchanges.

Are Holding Pass.

A dispatch from Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that, according to information received there from Saloniki, the Serbians are still holding Babuna pass. The time which the dispatch from Saloniki to Athens was filed, however, is not given.

Desperate battles continue between the Serbians and the Bulgars at Tetovo district, the correspondent telegraphs. "Reinforcements are continually arriving on both sides, which shows the capital importance attached to this point by both sides. The Bulgarians are still carrying on the movement intended to turn the Serbian positions at Babuna pass and reach Perlepe. If the movement succeeds the Serbians will be forced to abandon Babuna, but the operation is considered hazardous for the Bulgarians in consequence of the lack of practicable roads.

"Allied troops are leaving Saloniki daily for the Serbian front.

"In the Cerna river region the French repelled all Bulgarian attacks and the Bulgarians lost heavily."

AUSTRIA PROPOSED
PEACE, SAYS ITALY

Rome, Nov. 16 (via Paris, Nov. 17).—

Proposals for a separate peace were made in Italy by Austria at the time the recent Italian offensive was begun, the Popolo Italia asserts. The paper declares certain territorial concessions were offered to Italy but the Salandra cabinet refused to consider them.

College Boy
Held for Spy
Is Released

New York, Nov. 17.—Friends of Wolfgang G. Triest, a New York contractor, received word from London today that Mr. Triest's son, Kenneth W. Triest, formerly a Princeton student, will be released from the British detention camp on Chatham on Friday and will start for America with his father on Saturday.

Young Triest ran away from Princeton and enlisted in the British navy, was arrested as a German spy and was saved from possible execution through representation by the American state department that he was not responsible for his actions. Mr. Triest left New York 10 days ago to bring his son home.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC
BADLY CONGESTED

Heads of New York Railroads and
Shippers See No Relief for Ser-
ious Situation.

New York, Nov. 17.—Congestion of freight in and around New York continues to be so great as to cause ship-
pers and transportation companies serious concern. It is attributed mainly to the rush of foodstuffs and war munitions for shipment to the belligerent nations, and no relief is in sight, railway officials say.

It was stated today that one railroad had upwards of seven thousand loaded cars blocked between Pittsburgh and this city and that several hundred freight cars, with locomotive parts and railway equipment for Russia are included in the blockade.

The president of one of the largest eastern railways declared that hundreds of freight cars with shipments for Russia were sent from Pittsburgh to Seattle, an unusual course. Other shipments were sent to Montreal in order to avoid New York.

IDENTIFY VICTIM
OF MURDER CASE

Woman Found Dead in Eisle Hill
Proves to Be Mrs. Anna McDon-
ough of Oskaloosa.

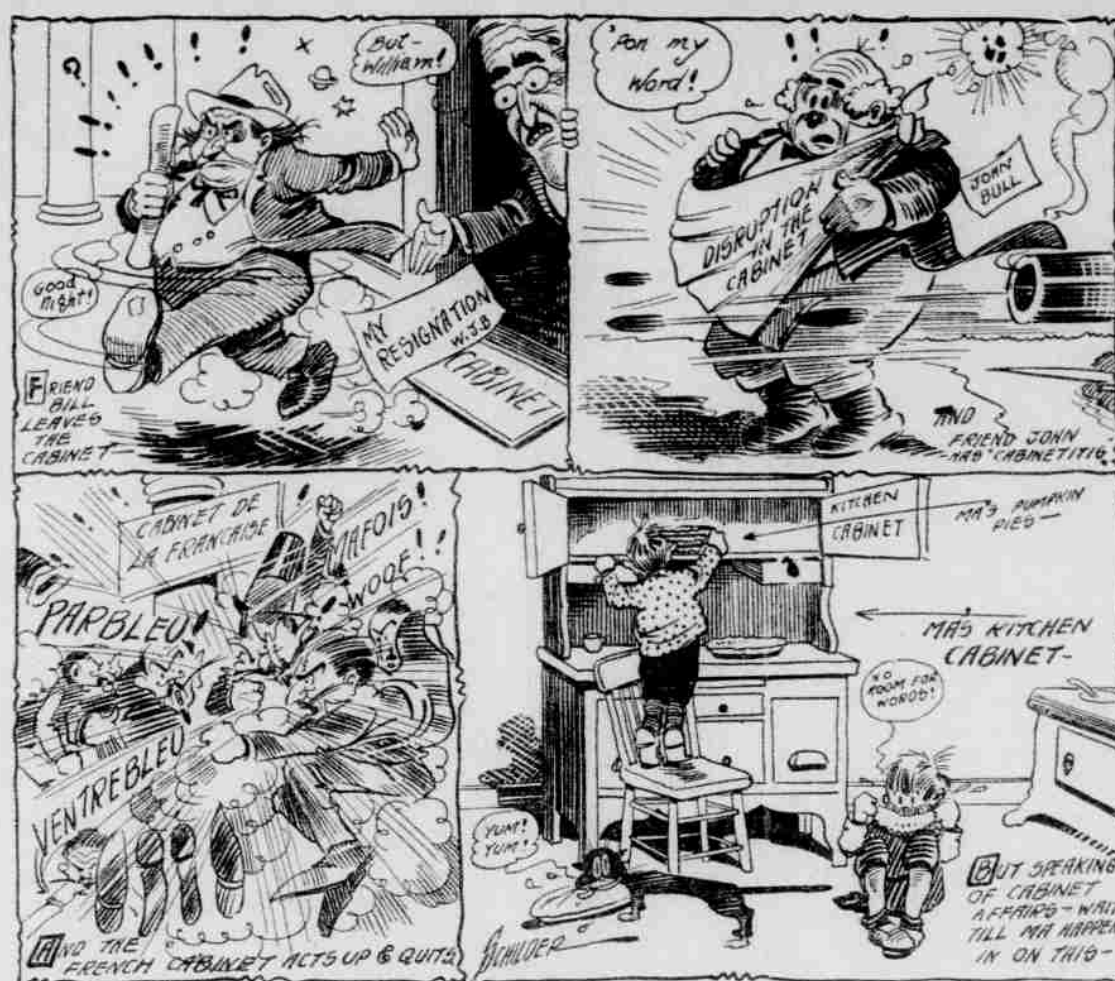
Muscatine, Iowa, Nov. 17.—The mystery of the Eisle Hill murder was cleared up yesterday when Mrs. Lou Braun of near New Boston positively identified the clothing and bits of jewelry taken from the dead woman as belonging to her mother, Mrs. Anna McDonough of Oskaloosa, who was last seen alive by her relatives and friends Oct. 28, when she and her son John started for an auto trip to New Boston for a visit with Mrs. McDonough's daughter. They never arrived. The whereabouts of the son, John, is unknown.

James Lawrence, chief of the Oskaloosa police, accompanied by George Haber, a son-in-law of Mrs. McDonough, arrived in Muscatine, and accompanied by Sheriff Wiley they left for Letts, where Mr. Haber viewed and identified the clothing and jewelry as the property of his mother-in-law.

Not satisfied, the party motored to New Boston, Ill., where the daughter, Mrs. Braun, made the identification positive, and the mystery of the Eisle Hill murder was a mystery no longer so far as the identity of the murdered woman is concerned. The body was not exhumed, as the laws of the state require a permit from the state board of health for the purpose, and besides it would have been useless labor as a sight of the decomposed remains would not be of any assistance.

QUITS RELIEF WORK
BECAUSE OF HEALTH

New York, Nov. 17.—Because of ill health, Madame Marcella Sembrich has resigned as president of the American Polish Relief committee and vice president of the Polish Victims' Relief Fund. All her professional engagements have been cancelled until the beginning of January. Madame Sembrich has worked unceasingly for Poland since the beginning of the war. She is suffering from a nervous breakdown and a bronchial affection and has been advised by her physician to go south.



THOSE CABINET AFFAIRS

LOSES CHILD
FOR THE SAKE
OF HUMANITY

Chicago, Nov. 17.—From the lips of the mother, Mrs. Anna Bollinger, came the tragic story today of her consent to let her 6-day-old baby boy, deformed in body and mind, die so that the infant would not be a burden to the world.

The mother, confined to her bed in the German-American hospital, agreed with Dr. H. J. Haiseldin, chief of the hospital staff, to sacrifice the child when a simple operation would assure its life. The infant if it lived, would grow to be a mental and perhaps moral defective, in the opinion of the surgeon. He therefore, with the consent of the child's parents, declined to perform the operation. Death is expected to take the infant within 48 hours.

"It is not heartless of me," Mrs. Bollinger said today. "I love the poor little deformed one as I love my three other healthy children. But the doctor told me it would be a cripple all its life, probably an imbecile and possible criminal. With breaking heart I gave my consent to its death. Left to itself it has no chance to live. I consented to let nature take its course."

"No one need to think me a cruel or unnatural mother. My heart is full of love for all my children. But this poor little one, if allowed to live, would be only a burden to itself. Its life would be barren, useless. It is, as the doctor says, one of nature's blunders, and I am willing that nature should correct its error by my baby's death."

"I am satisfied that I am doing right. My husband thinks so, too. My mother had 13 children and I know she, too, would approve my course."

Dr. Haiseldin said he was prepared to face bitter criticism and defend his course.

"I have no doubt that I shall be called a murderer," he said, "but the infant's death is a question between me and my conscience. I am doing what I believe to be right. If there is a law to force a surgeon to perform an operation when his conscience tells him that operation would be morally wrong, then let them bring that law to bear."

The baby, born after its mother had been seriously ill with typhoid fever, came into the world last Friday. This illness, Dr. Haiseldin says, accounts for its deformity.

WAS SENT TO BOTTOM
BY TEUTON SUBMARINE

Paris, Nov. 17, (5:00 a. m.)—Investigation by the Italian government has disclosed that the submarine which torpedoed the steamer Firenze was a German, says the Rome correspondent of the Journal. Passengers and crew of the steamer, all of whom were saved, are said to agree that the sailors aboard the submarine wore German uniforms and also that the German colors were hoisted first, although the Austrian flag was substituted later.

If the Firenze, an Italian steamer, was sunk by a German submarine, it might be regarded by Italy as an act of war. There has as yet been no declaration of hostilities between Italy and Germany.

CLINTON STRUCK
BY GREAT BLAZE

Fire Guts Block of Business Section,
Causing Estimated Loss of
Half a Million.

Clinton, Iowa, Nov. 17.—Fire which broke out in the warehouse of the Clinton Grocery company and was still burning at 7 o'clock this morning had completely gutted that building, the building of the T. M. Gobbie Wholesale Grocery company adjoining, and the plant of the Schall-Hutchinson Candy company, causing damage estimated at half a million dollars.

Insurance covers about 3 per cent of the loss.

Clinton Grocery company, \$100,000;
T. M. Gobbie company, \$100,000;
Schall-Hutchinson company, \$100,000;
buildings, \$82,000.

It is believed the fire originated on an open porch in the rear of the Clinton Grocery company building, used for unloading merchandise from cars on switch sidings. When discovered it had gained such headway that preparations were made to call for assistance from Davenport. The wind veered, however, and the fire was gotten under control, but not until three buildings and their contents had been completely ruined.

U.S. AEROPLANES
START ON FLIGHT

First Aero Squadron of Army Leaves
Fort Sill for New Home at
San Antonio, Tex.

Fort Sill, Okla., Nov. 17.—Fort Sill was bustling with activity today in preparation for the departure of the first aero squadron of the United States army, which tomorrow morning will fly from its temporary home to its new station at San Antonio, Tex.

The flight originally was scheduled to start on Nov. 20, but fine weather and the fact that everything was in readiness at San Antonio caused a change in plans. Six aeroplanes will make the journey.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Rain or snow tonight and probably Thursday, warmer tonight with the temperature above freezing, colder Thursday. Fresh to strong shifting winds.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 29. Highest yesterday, 38, lowest last night 28. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 13 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 73, at 7 a. m. 93; at 1 p. m. today 44.
Stage of water 4.6, no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Cruiser Shells Submarine.

Rome, Nov. 16 (via Paris, Nov. 17, 5:25 a. m.)—The Italian cruiser Piemonte fired several shells at a submarine which came out to attack her while she was bombarding Dedeagatch last Friday, says a Saloniki dispatch to the Messagero. It is believed the submarine was hit.

DIGNIGHT AND
DAY IN DEBRIS
FOR THE LOST

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17.—Crews of men which had been laboring in 90-minute shifts all night were still at work early today endeavoring to recover the bodies of 25 men buried under tons of debris in the third level of the Northwestern Improvement company's coal mine at Ravensdale, 35 miles southeast of here. An explosion in the mine yesterday killed 31 men and injured three others.

The bodies of six, including Foreman P. J. Kane, were recovered last night.

The cause of explosion still is undetermined, although it is believed that coal dust was ignited by a "windy shot."

Approximately \$124,000, it is said, will be paid from the state industrial insurance fund to the families of the miners who lost their lives. The law gives \$4,000 for each man, provided he is married, and a smaller amount for single men. Only seven of the 31 who lost their lives were single.

MAY ABOLISH THE
HEAD OF CURRENCY

Federal Advisory Board Considers
Question of Ending Office of
Comptroller.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—The federal reserve board had before it today a recommendation of its advisory council that the office of comptroller of the currency, which has direct supervision over the operation of all national banks, be abolished. A counter proposal provides that member banks, including national banks, hereafter be examined exclusively by the board's examiners.

The action of the council is said to have been based on the ground that the comptroller's office had been made unnecessary by the establishment of the reserve system.

POSTOFFICE MEN
DECLARE STRIKE

Clerks and Carriers Refuse to Work
Until Fellow Employee Is
Reinstated.

Fairmount, W. Va., Nov. 17.—Twenty-five clerks and carriers in the post-office here, practically the entire force, struck this morning as a protest, it was said, against the discharge of W. H. Brand, assistant postmaster, and three other employees. The strike was reported to the postoffice department at Washington by Postmaster Charles H. Manley.

Brand, who was connected with the postoffice for 17 years, was recently dismissed on the charge that he had given assistance to applicants in civil service examinations. Postmaster Manley is a democrat while the majority of the striking clerks and carriers are republicans.

CALLS GREEK NEUTRALITY
VEIL OF PREPARATION FOR
FUTURE ATTACK ON ALLIESBritish War
Lords Visit
Paris Heads

London, Nov. 17, (2:20 p. m.)—The official announcement was made today that Premier Asquith, Foreign Secretary Grey, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, have arrived in Paris for consultation with the French government.

Paris, Nov. 17.—The precise object of the visit to Paris of members of the British war council, whose arrival was announced last night, has not been disclosed. It is generally assumed, however, that the presence in France of the men who are charged with the responsibility of conducting the war for Great Britain marks an important development in the policy of co-ordination among the entente powers as announced by Premier Asquith in his recent speech before the house of commons.

With Premier Asquith are David Lloyd-George, munitions secretary; Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary; and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty. On the assumption that they are to put into practical effect the decision to bring France and Great Britain into closer touch, it is expected they will meet Premier Briand, General Gallieni, minister of war, and possibly General Joffre, who is credited with having done much to bring about a great degree of cooperation among the allies during his recent visit to London.

The British war committee, as announced by Premier Asquith last week, consists, during the temporary absence of Field Marshal Kitchener, of the premier, David Lloyd-George, A. J. Balfour, Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, and Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer. In addition, it was said Foreign Secretary Grey would share in the work of the committee when foreign relations were under consideration.

PRESIDENT ASKS
SECOND REPRIEVE

Wilson Again Steps Forward to Save
Joseph Hillstrom From the
Firing Squad.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson today urged Governor Spry of Utah to reconsider the case of Joseph Hillstrom, a Swedish citizen, sentenced to death next Friday for murder. The president sent to Governor Spry the following telegram:

"With unaffected hesitation, but with a very earnest conviction of the importance of the case, I again venture to urge on your excellency the justice and advisability of a thorough reconsideration of the case of Joseph Hillstrom."

LAST ARGUMENTS IN
MUNDAY CASE HEARD

Morris, Ill., Nov. 17.—With a demand for the conviction of C. B. Munday and a sentence of the maximum penalty of five years in the penitentiary, State's Attorney Frank H. Hayes of Grundy county today finished his closing arguments in the trial of the former vice president of the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank of Chicago.

"A fine will be merely a license to go out and steal a half million more," said Hayes. "Give him his punishment behind the bars, a lesson he will not forget."

"Gentlemen, keep the record of Grundy county up to the high standard that has produced supreme court justices, and bring a verdict of five years in the penitentiary without a fine."

SPRINGFIELD MINE
IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 17.—Fire originating in the boiler room of the Woodside Coal company's mine at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the entire top works of the shaft, causing a loss which was estimated early today at \$50,000.

Four shot firers, who were in the mine when the fire broke out, made their escape through the escapement shaft.

Onelda, Ill.—David Westlund, an advertising man of this place, was found dead under his overturned automobile south of this city.

King Constantine's Friendly
Stand Assailed by Rus-
sians in Statement.

WARNS CZAR'S PEOPLE

Correspondent Says There Is
No Need for Jubilation—
Situation Dangerous.

Petrograd, Nov. 16, (via London, Nov. 17, 3:34 a. m.)—Analyzing the conduct of King Constantine of Greece, the Nova Brenya arrives at the conclusion that his "friendly neutrality" is nothing more than open preparation for a future attack on the allied forces landed at Saloniki.

The war correspondent of the paper warns the Russian people against jubilation over recent successes on the eastern front and says they still are confronted by a strong enemy whose superb technical equipment is far from being crushed. The Germans have a Maxim gun to every 10 men," the report says, "and his artillery is abundantly supplied with ammunition."

On Special Mission.

Rome, Nov. 16, (via Paris, Nov. 17, 5:25 a. m.)—It is announced by the newspapers that M. Stratos, former Greek minister of marine, is on his way to Switzerland whence he will go to Germany, supposedly on a special mission.

To Side With Germany?

Bucharest, Nov. 12, (via London, Nov. 17, 3:34 a. m.)—Delayed in transmission.—Former Premier Carp is credited by the newspaper Adevarul with the statement that Rumania will take up arms on the side of Germany in December. The prediction is made by M. Carp that as soon as established communications make it possible, Germany will make new offers to Rumania in the form of an ultimatum requiring a reply within 48 hours.

Attitude Uncompromising.

London, Nov. 17, (11:19 a. m.)—The Greek government appears to be adopting a less uncompromising attitude, says the Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegraph company. It is believed to be seeking a satisfactory solution of the question as to its attitude toward allied troops which might take refuge in the Greek territory, although it hesitates to make a declaration in the form demanded by the entente powers.

The correspondent says King Constantine has expressed a desire to see Earl Kitchener, the British secretary of war, who is now in the near east, and discuss the situation with him from a military standpoint.

The diplomatic corps has gone from Monastir to Florina, just across the border in northern Greece.

FLAMES DESTROY
COTTON OF ALLIES

One Thousand Bales Lost in Fire That
Burns Spinning Company—
Origin a Mystery.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 17.—One thousand bales of cotton in the East Providence warehouse of the River Spinning company were destroyed by fire early today. The company, it was stated, had contracted to supply the allies with a specially prepared product, to be used in the preparation of gun cotton.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It was said that there was no heat in the four-story brick structure where the cotton was stored and that the lighting power had been turned off last night. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

TO PROPOSE EIGHT
HOUR DAY FOR WORLD

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—The report of the committee on the executive council's recommendations was the principal business before the convention of the American Federation of Labor today. It was anticipated that there would be a lively debate over the proposal to adopt plans to obtain a universal eight hour day.

Gets Eight Years for Killing Husband.

Sidney, Iowa, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Lucinda Bailey, convicted last Saturday of manslaughter in the killing of her husband at their home in Percival, Iowa, in June last, was today sentenced to the Anamosa reformatory for a term not to exceed eight years.